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Baucus Comments on IRS's Employee Tuition Program

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) U.S. Senator Max Baucus raised concerns with an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) program that provides tuition funds to employees to promote career development and improve employee skills. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) recently completed a study of the IRS's employee tuition program, the Human Resource Investment Fund (HRIF), which found poor program oversight and inefficient use of funds. In response to the audit of HRIF, Senator Baucus released the following statement:

“It’s ironic and disappointing that the IRS’s report card shows its tuition program flunked. In a program intended for employee development, administrative costs exceeded tuition paid by almost 2-1. And, the IRS didn’t follow up on those receiving the tuition assistance and doesn’t know how many employees actually took the courses they said they were going to take. The IRS needs to fix this problem immediately. As Congress considers the IRS budget for the upcoming year, we must be confident that the IRS is using its money responsibly. Failing grades involving the use of taxpayers’ money are not acceptable.”

Full text of TIGTA’s report entitled “The Human Resources Investment Fund Is Not a Cost-Effective Method of Providing Tuition Assistance: Reference Number 2005-10-070” can be found at www.tigta.gov.

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